

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS - Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, the then CDPO, ICDS Project, Veligandla and Retd. as ACDPO, ICDS Project, Kondapi - Certain irregularities in recruitment of A.W.Ws - Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule - 20 of A.P.C.S (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Retired from service on 31-10-2018 Withholding of 20% on admissible pension permanently under Rule - 9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 - Orders - Issued.

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DEPTT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR
CITIZENS

G.O.Rt.No.124.

Dated:02-09-2021.

Read the following:-

01. From the Spl. Commissioner, WD&CW, Lr. No. 4205/Vig.1/2014, dated 27.02.2019.
02. From the Spl. Commissioner, WD&CW, ProcNo.4205/Vig.E1/2015, dated 25-01-2017
03. G.O.Rt.No.70, Dept., for WCDA & SC, dt. 22.04.2019.
04. From the Director, WD&CW, Lr.No.WDC02-12022/6/2019, dated 14.08.2020.
05. Govt., Memo.No.WDC867341/Estt.,2019, dated 07.09.2020.
06. Show Cause Notice issued in Govt., Memo.No.WDC867341/Estt.,2019, dated 16.12.2020.
07. Explanation of Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, CDPO, ICDS Project, Kondapi, dated 19.01.2021
08. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.155/DC&C/2021, dated 23.06.2021, (received on 28.06.2021).

ORDER:-

Whereas, the Special Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., vide reference 1st read above, has informed that Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, CDPO, ICDS Project, Kondapi, while working as Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Veligandla, has issued orders selecting the Anganwadi Workers of Balavengannapalli, Anganwadi Centre and Morvaripalle Anganwadi Centre, without approval of the District Selection Committee. Hence, the District Collector, Ongole, has surrendered her services to the Head Office on 13-08-2014. The Regional Joint Director, Women Development & Child Welfare, Ongole, has conducted the enquiry and submitted her report on 21-11-2015. The Special Commissioner, WD&CW, vide reference 2nd read above, for misutilization of her official powers and violation of the rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rule 1964, has framed two articles of charges against Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, CDPO, ICDS Project, Kondapi, for selection of AWWs, without approval of the Selection Committee, with direction to submit her written statement of defense. On 22-02-2017, the C.O has requested the Head Office to supply the list of documents as mentioned in the Charge

memo., besides granting 15 days time to submit her written explanation. The Head Office had supplied the documents to the C.O, as desired. However, the Charged Officer failed to submit her written explanation within time. While so, the Charged Officer retired from service on 31-10-2018, on attaining the age of superannuation. Therefore, the Spl. Commissioner, WD&CW has referred the case to the Govt., since Govt., is the competent authority to take action against retired public servants under Rule 9 (2) (a) of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980.

2. Whereas, as per sub - rule (2) of rule - 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 3rd read above, Government have appointed the Regional Joint Director, W.D & C.W., Ongole as Inquiry Officer and the Assistant Project Director, O/o P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Ongole, as Presenting Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, former C.D.P.O (now retired), ICDS Project, Veligandla, Prakasam District.

3. Whereas, the Director, WD&CW, Guntur in the letter 4th read above has furnished the Inquiry Report of the I.O i.e., Regional Joint Director, Ongole, duly stating that the I.O has conducted enquiry on 14.12.2019 as the Presenting Officer has produced all the records relating to the Charges. But, the C.O Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, former C.D.P.O (now retired), ICDS Project, Veligandla has not attended the enquiry on 04.12.2019, but she has submitted her defense statement on 17.12.2019 and as same was not convincing, concluded that the charges are held proved.

4. Whereas, as per sub - rule (2) of the Rule - 21 of A.P.C.S [CC&A] Rules, 1991, vide memo.5th read above, the Director, WD&CW was requested to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to C.O Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, the then CDPO, ICDS Project, Veligandla and now retired as ACDPO, ICDS Project, Kondapi, with a request to submit her further written representation within 15 days. But, the C.O Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, the then CDPO, ICDS Project, Veligandla, has failed to submit her further representation on the Inquiry Report, within the stipulated time.

5. Whereas, as per Rule -9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, a provisional decision was taken to impose the punishment of 20% cut in pension permanently on the proven charges against the C.O. Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, the then CDPO, ICDS Project, Veligandla and now retired as ACDPO, ICDS Project, Kondapi. While communicating the quantum of proposed punishment, a Show Cause Notice was also issued to the Charged Officer with a request to submit her further written representation within 15 days vide Govt., memo.6th read above.

6. Whereas, Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, CDPO (Retd), ICDS Project, Veligandla, has submitted a representation 7th read above, wherein, she has stated that she has not made such irregular appointments of Mini-Anganwadi Worker as per her knowledge is concerned. She retired from service on 31.10.2018 and the issue of appointment was relating to ICDS Project, Veligandla during the year 2014. She further stated that as per her enquiry, it was known that the same two Anganwadi workers said to have been appointed by her were appointed by her successor CDPO Smt. Sk. Samshad

Begum and still they are continuing in the same project. She stated that she is a retired ACDPO and still her pension and other benefits were not settled so far even after her retirement of three years and experiencing financial hardship. The proposed punishment of 20% cut in her pension permanently on a simple administrative error in appointing Mini-Anganwadi Workers is an excessive punishment, generally imposed such punishment on financial irregularities. She served in the Department as Extension Officer and CDPO for 34 years, still increments and PRC are pending. Therefore, she has requested to review the proposed punishment and pray for simple minor punishment for a limited period only on principle of natural justice and humanitarian grounds considering her defence, sanction the due Annual Grade Increments and PRC 2015.

7. Government after careful examination of the entire matter, hereby decided and order to impose the punishment of withholding of 20% (Twenty percent) of admissible pension permanently under Rule-9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 in respect of Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, CDPO (Retd), ICDS Project, Veligandla, and now retired as ACDPO, ICDS Project, Kondapi, Prakasam District, as it is a major misdemeanor to exercise non-existent power of appointment of Mini-Anganwadi workers.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of A.P.P.S.C vide their Letter 8th read above.

9. The Director, W.D&C.W., A.P., Guntur, is requested to take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

A.R. ANURADHA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, WD&CW, Guntur.
Smt. Sk. Noorjahan Begum, CDPO (Retd), ICDS Project, Veligandla, and
now retired as ACDPO, ICDS project, Kondapi (through the Director,
WD&CW, Guntur)

Copy to:

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The P.S to Prl. Secy., Dept., for WCDA & SC.

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SECTION OFFICER